***Shadow & Bone***

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Hundreds of years ago a Darkling used his powers to call the darkness to turn a lush, fertile valley in Ravka into the horrifying Shadow Fold. In a world where magic reigns supreme, children born with special powers are trained at a young age to harness their abilities. Together, these few form the elite army known as the Grisha and are Ravka’s first line of defense against its enemies.

Alina Starkoff was an awkward, scrawny orphan with very few friends. As expected in any war torn country, when she came of age, she joined the army and there began her career a mediocre map maker. When she and her childhood friend Mal, attempt to cross the Fold with the 2nd army, they are attacked by vicious Volcra and face certain death. While trying to protect Mal, Alina is directly assaulted and a powerful white light explodes from her, revealing a power that no one has ever before possessed and that may be the answer to her country’s prayers.

The powerful Darkling immediately whisks her away from everything she’s known and loved to join the Grisha and face impending danger, possible heroism and maybe even a chance at love.